

County Profile: Garfield County (Rural)



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County Overview

Population Information 2023*

Total Population
61,415

Unique Lives in the CO APCD
43,090

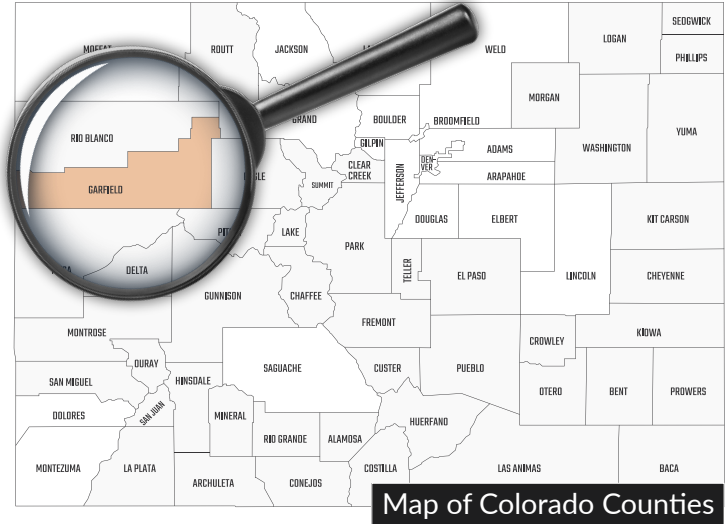
Insured Population**
50,436

% Total Population in the CO APCD
43%

% Total Insured Population in the CO APCD
49%

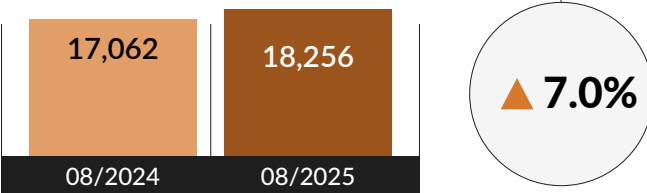
*Data comes from the [CO APCD Insights Dashboard](#), with data from reporting year 2023. See full considerations and [methodology](#) for Insights Dashboard population reporting.

**County population and insured estimates are based on five years of Census data leading up to the selected year.



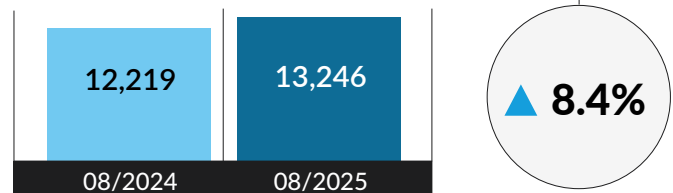
Year-Over-Year County Enrollment

Commercial



Commercial and Medicaid only, does not include Medicare Fee-for-Service or Advantage.

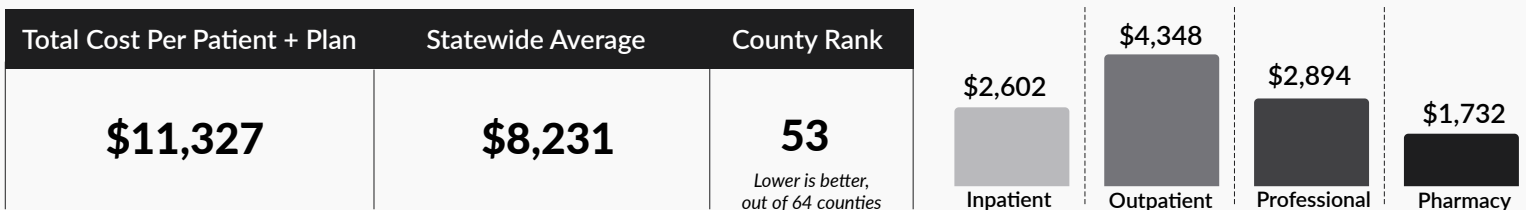
Medicaid



Spending on Care in Garfield County

Payments Made by Health Plans and Patients Combined | All Payers, 2023 | Per Person Per Year (PPPY)

All data in this section comes from the [Community Dashboard](#), with most recent data through reporting year 2023.



County Trends and Notes | All measures reflect data from the [Community Dashboard](#) (2013 -2023)

- Garfield County has **higher spending on care than most other Colorado counties**. In 2023, the total cost of care (plan + patient) was \$11,327 per year, above the rural county benchmark of \$9,534 and well above the statewide benchmark of \$8,231. Among all Colorado counties, Garfield ranks 53rd in cost of care (plan + patient, ranked lowest to highest), placing it among the top 10 most expensive counties overall.
- Garfield County has a **consistently higher rate of primary care visits than most Colorado counties**. In 2023, the county recorded 599 primary care visits per 1,000 people, above the statewide benchmark of 547 visits per 1,000 people and the rural county benchmark of 555 visits per 1,000 people.
- Garfield County has experienced an **increase in the rate of eligible people who receive a breast cancer screening**. While screening rates in Garfield County were lower than statewide benchmarks 2013 – 2021, a sharp rise 2022 – 2023 brought screening rates in the county to 67% of eligible people, higher than the statewide benchmark of 63%.

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